

fax, online, etc., the first bid received will be recognized.

11. CALL FOR FINAL BIDS: Once bidding slows down, a date will be set for the receipt of final bids. That date, referred to as the “soft close date” will be announced on the web page and on the GSA bid hotline recording. On that date, commencing at **12:00 a.m. (midnight) Eastern Time**, if no increased bid is received by **3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**, then bidding will close at **3:00 p.m.** and consideration will be given to selling the property to the high bidder. If an increased bid is received on a timely basis, then bidding will be continued over until the next business day on the same terms. Eventually, no one will outbid the high bidder and bidding will close at **3:00 p.m. Eastern Time** on that day. **The Government reserves the right to increase the minimum bid increment once the soft close date has been established.** There is no advantage to waiting until the last minute to bid.

12. BID EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF BIDDER:

a. A bid executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the bidder shall be accompanied by an authenticated copy of their Power of Attorney or other evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the bidder.

b. If the bidder is a corporation, the Certificate of Corporate Bidder must be executed. The Certificate must be executed under the corporate seal by some duly authorized officer of the corporation other than the officer signing the bid. In lieu of the Certificate of Corporate Bidder, there may be attached to the bid, copies of so much of the records of the corporation as will show the official character and authority of the officer signing duly certified by the secretary or assistant secretary, under the corporate seal, to be true copies.

c. If the bidder is a partnership, and all partners sign the bid with a notation that they are all general partners, the Government will not ordinarily require any further proof of the existence of the partnership. If all the partners do not sign the bid, then the names of all those except limited partners must be furnished on the bid and the Government, in its discretion, may require evidence of the authority of the signer(s) to execute the bid on behalf of the partnership.

d. If the bidder is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), a Certificate of the LLC must be completed and executed by the manager.

13. WAIVER OF INFORMALITIES OR IRREGULARITIES: The Government may, at its election, waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.

14. BACKUP BIDDER: The second-highest bidder will be the backup bidder. If the high bidder is unable to consummate the transaction, the second highest bidder may then be considered for award. The backup bidder's deposit will be retained, without interest, until the first high bidder has increased their initial bid deposit to the required 10% of the purchase price. Subsequently, the bid deposit of the second high bidder will be returned by mail immediately thereafter. In the event that the Government is unable to make an award to the highest or second-highest bidder, the Government reserves the right to negotiate with the remaining bidders and make an award that is in the best interest of the Government.

15. ACCEPTABLE BID: An acceptable bid is one received from a responsible bidder, whose bid, conforming to this IFB, will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered.

16. NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION: Notice by the Government of acceptance or rejection of the bid shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when faxed or mailed to the bidder or his duly authorized representative at the fax/phone number or address indicated in the bid. The processing of a bid deposit by the Government shall not, in itself, constitute acceptance of the bidder's offer. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids or portions thereof.

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The GSA issuing office at the address given in this IFB will, upon request, provide additional copies of this IFB and answer requests for additional available information concerning the Property offered to facilitate preparation of bids. Each bid shall be deemed to have been made with full knowledge of all terms, conditions, and requirements contained in this IFB.